

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF FILING OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

In the Matter of Proposed Amendments
to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereafter called the Lahontan Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) and on a draft environmental document prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.5. The proposed amendments would (1) clarify that waste discharge prohibitions do not apply to storm water discharges when wastes in the discharge are controlled by appropriate management measures and do not cause a violation of water quality objectives; (2) add an explicit statement to allow schedules of compliance in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits; and (3) make certain related editorial changes.

The draft environmental document for the proposed amendments concludes that there will be no significant adverse effects on the environment. A detailed discussion of the proposed amendments is provided in a separate staff report.

The public hearing will begin as follows:

DATE: April 12, 2006

TIME: During the Lahontan Water Board's regular meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Truckee, CA – Exact location is to be determined, but will be posted on the Lahontan Water Board website at least 10 days before the meeting date.

An agenda announcement with additional information on the timing of the hearing within the meeting will be available in late March 2006 on the Lahontan Water Board's web page. Paper copies may be requested by contacting Board staff. The meeting room will be accessible to people with disabilities. If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Laurie Applegate at (530) 542-5414 by April 5, 2006. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Lahontan Water Board will consider certification of the environmental document and approval of the proposed amendments.

The public review period for the proposed amendments and environmental document will extend from January 9 through February 23, 2006. Written comments or questions on the amendments

and environmental document should be directed to the attention of Bud Amorfini. Contact information is as follows:

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Written comments on the proposed amendments and supporting documents must be received by 5:00 PM February 23, 2006, to be considered. The draft documents may be obtained by calling (530) 542-5400. Copies of the Basin Plan, the proposed amendments, the environmental document, and related materials may be examined and photocopied on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Lahontan Water Board's office, 2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

Robert S. Dodds
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date